

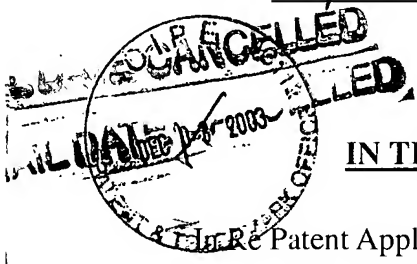


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(US 45233 WO)
Title: Process For the Removal of Organic Substances (TOC), Pesticides, or Other
Substances From a Salt Solution

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed on or before December 1, 2003 (as November 30, 2003 is a Sunday) in view of the simultaneous filing of a one-month Petition for Extension of Time.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to and Listings of the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.